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Bloomfield's Candidate for  
Register.

There are Republican candidates for the County office of Register from nearly every City, Ward and Township, and not the least conspicuous among them is the leader of the Board of Freeholders, who hails from Bloomfield.

Looking the field completely over, without disparagement of the "claims" upon the Republican party of any other gentleman or locality, who is there and what city or town is there better entitled to secure the Registration than Bloomfield in the personality of Thos mas McGowan?

In regard to locality, it is many long years since a county office came to Bloomfield. The Oranges have had the Sheriff, the Surrogate, and the Register, and Belleville the Surrogate, all of those offices with in the past eight or nine years. The large territory comprising the original Township of Bloomfield, now Bloomfield, Glen Ridge and Montclair, has not had a county office since, by some division of forces in the City of Newark, the office of County Clerk came to J. Banks Peacock of Bloomfield, and that was some twenty or more years ago.

Mr. McGowan has been in politics constantly since that time, and during all this time he has been quietly and unobtrusively fitting himself for some recognition of this kind without putting forward his claims on the party. In all these years, as a politician and as a member of the County Board what has Mr. McGowan been doing? He has been making money, not for himself but for others. Always strictly loyal to his party, he has been in a position to aid the ambitions of others, and has freely given his aid and influence for the best man. Far better still, he has been in position where he could save the taxpayers of the County of Essex many thousands of dollars by his integrity and devotion to principle at all times and under all circumstances. And this he has done. The man who pursues a straight course for the public good in this time of crooked politics and deals with the enemy deserves substantial recognition. We understand that Mr. McGowan is doing no work to secure this nomination of Register, but he has appreciative friends in all parts of the County who are working, and right now is the opportunity for the Republicans of Bloomfield and Glen Ridge to see that solid delegations go to the County Convention next Wednesday, presenting Director McGowan as their choice for Register.

With such united determination, with honesty of purpose and freedom from entangling alliances, the moral effect upon the Convention would go far toward securing the nomination of a candidate outside of the City of Newark for one of the two big offices. Without uniting township, the politicians of the City of Newark will secure the nomination of both County Clerk and Register, and the Townships will be left out—as usual!

TOWNSHIP MATTERS.

The Township Committee held a special meeting on Monday night to consider the case of Policeman James Foster and John G. Weden, charged with having attempted to defeat the ends of justice by sending a telegraph message to Philip Andrew, Jr., a fugitive from justice at Keyport, N. J. The room was crowded to the doors.

The policemen were represented by Frederick H. Pilch, while Francis Swayze represented the town.

De Witt Clark, an operator of the Western Union Telegraph Company at the Glenwood Avenue station, from which the dispatch was sent, declined to answer questions, and said that he was ready to take the consequences.

Thomas Manning, employed at Kreuger's Hotel at Watessing, was the next witness, who testified that the message was given to him by Philip Andrew, Sr., and that he gave it to Foster. The message was "Go to Philadelphia; they are after you."

Officer Foster was next called. He said he did not know the circumstances which caused young Andrew to leave town, and that he took charge of the dispatch as a friend for Mr. Manning. Foster also stated that he had not spoken to the elder Andrew in four years, and that he was on his way to Newark.

Officer Weden was the next witness. He said that he sent the telegram, but knew nothing of a warrant.

However, after he had left the telegraph office, it dawned upon him that the message was not strictly proper, that he was a special officer. This occurred on Monday when he was not on duty.

Fred H. Pilch summed up for the accused officers.

Lawyer Swayze said it was an easy matter to deny actual knowledge and thus obstruct justice. If done in ignorance they were not fit men to have on the Bloomfield Police force. A boy fourteen years would know better than that.

The Committee held an executive session at which all the members voted to dismiss the accused officers, except Frank Foster who was excused from voting.

County Contracts.

A wide divergence in estimates marked the competition for the county bridge contracts when the bids were opened by the bridge committee of the Board of Freeholders on Monday afternoon. For the Old Bloomfield Road structure James S. Lee was the lowest bidder at \$794. The next lowest was a bid of \$1338, and the proposals ran right up to \$2200.

"Before any of these contracts are awarded," said Director Thomas McGowan, "I would like to warn the Engineers if there is not some way to make the contracts can be fully protected after we award the contracts."

We have had experience of men coming forward, after they had reconstructed their figures, and telling us that they cannot do the work. Such a case came before us quite recently, and I believe we should put a stop to the practice."

"You have certified checks for five per cent of the amount of the contracts," suggested Mr. Owen.

"But certified checks are only for small amounts," retorted Director McLean, "and bidders might be willing to forfeit the checks rather than lose larger amounts of money."

Mr. Owen then suggested that the successful bidders be notified to give bonds in half

lot of either. He calls himself an American citizen, but I fail to see how he can be regarded as such. He has been living in England spending the money he made here as a boss, and has, to all intents and purposes, been a British subject. When he sees a chance to recoup his fortune, he comes over here again and once more takes his old position as the leader of Tammany."

"I propose to fight Croker and his slaves. I propose to fight for the people and their rights. I propose to wage war on bosses in all its hateful forms and phases. Croker is but—terribly bad—but he is no worse than Platt. They are equally offensive to all lovers of freedom, and what applies to one will fit the other."

"So far as I am concerned I would not at all be sorry to see Seth Low elected. He at least to a certain extent is waging war on the forces that I am seeking to destroy. The Citizens Union movement is in the right direction, but it is not exhaustive. It does not deal a death blow to Bossism. It is only a blow to alleviate the pain. It does not heal the wound. The principles I advocate go to the heart of the evil. If the platform on which I am running was ever put into effect it would put an end to bossism forever."

"The machines are now doing all in their power to prevent the nomination of independent candidates. They are simply outraging the Australian ballot. They are prostituting a glorious measure to their own illegitimate ends. But I am in the field to fight and stay. We have secured the best legal advice and will give them battle in the court or on the platform. I am responsible only for myself. The county ticket was chosen from the Citizens' Union and the Brooklyn Democracy. The citizens have declared against the tyranny of Plattism. Therefore, to that extent they are in sympathy with us. The Brooklyn Democrats under McLaughlin are against Tammany to the extent that their leaders do not want to be swallowed up by the Croker element."

Friends of T. E. Hayes have requested him to allow his name to be used at the primary next Monday night as a candidate for member of the County Committee. There appears to be no opposition to the re-election to the County Committee of George W. Heath of the First Ward and George Peterson of the Third Ward, in the Second Ward Tunis Garbrant of Brookdale was appointed to fill the unexpired term of William Krenrich, resigned. He is now a candidate for the full term.

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the amount of their proposals by Thursday afternoon, and this course will be followed, and the certified checks will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders.

C. E. Society, Baptist Church.

The Young People's Society Christian Endeavor of the Baptist Church held its annual meeting in the church parlor Tuesday night. On Sunday morning next Rev. C. A. Cook will preach to the young people and in the evening there will be an echo meeting of the convention held in Paterson. On Tuesday next the society will celebrate its ninth anniversary.

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